the State and District levels and directed to file the affidavits of compliance by 3rd January 2007.

(b) These directions were communicated to the State Governments and Union Territories for necessary action.

(c) The directions primarily concern the States and 'Police' being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to take appropriate action. In respect of the Union Territories while most of the directions have been complied substantially, the Central Government has filed on their behalf an application in the Supreme Court for directions seeking clarifications/modifications, as certain directions of the Supreme Court are not possible to be implemented in the Union Territories in toto, as the Union Territories are different in character from the States.

(d) and (e) The Central Government is considering enactment of a new legislation for police administration in the Union Territories, in place of existing enactments. It is, however, not possible to indicate a definite time frame for this legislative proposal.

Taking help of ex-servicemen to tackle extremism

†2388. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was suggested by the army that the help of the ex-servicemen should be taken to solve the problem of leftist extremism instead of taking help directly from the army;

(b) if so, whether any guidelines were issued to the States; and

(c) the names of the States where the services of ex-servicemen are being taken and the State-wise number of such servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Law and Order being a State subject, dealing with the various issues related to naxalite violence primarily lies in the domain of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government has not issued any guidelines to State Governments for recruitment of ex-servicemen in the State Police forces for dealing with naxalite violence. Data on State-wise number of ex-servicemen employed/engaged for various types of Police duties by the State Governments is not maintained at the Central level.

Safety of Guruvayur temple

2389. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been contacted regarding safety of Guruvayur temple in Kerala;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.